

## Foreword

It is well known that truth is one but it has many names and forms. Similarly, humanity has one common ground of eternal consciousness but it has various races and colours. Likewise, knowledge is one, it has many manifestations in the form of different disciplines. In the same vein, humanities and social sciences have diverse approaches and focuses to the understanding of man and society. It is from this point of view that these diverse disciplines, approaches and themes for the study of mankind are encapsulated in this volume of our Journal of the Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences.

It presents virtually a fair of diverse themes such as sense and reference in relation to metaphor, the notion of justification of belief by objectifying the notion, the relevance of multiculturalism for ailments of a polity, review of stories on partition, secularism vs. sectarian affiliation, Gandhi's strategy of class struggle, patriarchy as a natural order, India's response to the post-nation questions, Tanjavur Chola bronzes, which I am sure, will be welcome addition to the storehouse of knowledge in all these fields. The review of three books on Afghanistan, India's religious tradition of unity in diversity, and Urbanisation in early historic India add to the value of this volume.

I would be failing in my duty if I do not thank Prof. Nirbhai Singh and the Editorial Board for their help and cooperation in the publication of this volume. Mr. N.K. Maini, Assistant Publication Officer and Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Editorial Coordinator, also deserve appreciation for seeing this work through the press.

It is a matter of satisfaction for me to present this Volume VI, No. 2, 1999 to the scholars and interested reading public. I am sure that the volume will be of great use and interest to academic world.

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